

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2009-41-T - ORDER NO. 2009-133
MARCH 5, 2009

IN RE: Application of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc. for a Rate Increase) ORDER GRANTING) TIME TO THE OFFICE OF) REGULATORY STAFF) FOR INVESTIGATION OF) APPLICATION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to postpone action in the processing and numerical assignment of tariff revisions on the application of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc. (SCTB). On January 27, 2009, the SCTB filed its application with the Commission seeking approval of Tariff No. 6, which amends its existing tariff (Tariff No. 5) by an overall increase in packing schedules and base transportation rates, by clarification of certain issues within the tariff, and by a revised fuel matrix.

On February 10, 2009, the ORS filed a letter requesting postponement of the Commission's ruling on the request of the SCTB for an amended schedule of rates and charges to the SCTB's existing tariff to give ORS an opportunity to perform an impact study regarding SCTB's filing. ORS expresses that a non-compliance and/or consumer interest related issue may exist in the tariff filing, thus the reasoning for the ORS to conduct the impact study. ORS asserts that the SCTB's application for a tariff increase is

tantamount to the simultaneous filing by approximately sixty household goods movers and that the requested increase will impact the public throughout South Carolina. ORS advises that it has selected a sample comprising six companies of the SCTB from which to obtain financial and operational information for its impact study and that the selected companies will be given sufficient time by the ORS to compile their responses and to prepare for examination by the ORS. Lastly, given the number of impact studies required, the time it takes to complete these studies, and the number of auditors available to perform the studies, ORS requests 120 days to complete its study in order to provide factual information to the Commission.

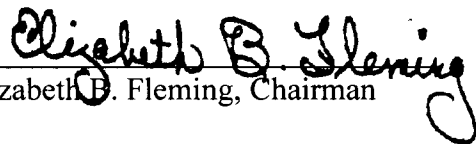
We have examined this matter and agree that holding the SCTB's application over for a brief time so that the ORS can investigate the application is in the public interest. However, in considering the parties' interests, we conclude that granting ORS until April 24, 2009, is sufficient time for the ORS to investigate this application, being that the application was filed with the Commission on January 27, 2009. The ORS should complete its investigation and make a recommendation to the Commission concerning disposition of this matter on or before April 24, 2009. However, should ORS determine that it is unable to complete the study and provide its recommendation to the Commission prior to the expiration of the established due date, additional time may be granted by the Commission upon the petition of ORS.

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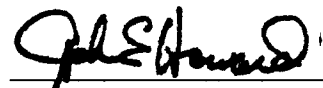
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:



John E. Howard, Vice Chairman
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